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In re Application of:
KOTSIPOULOS

Assignee: CAROL JOYCE WITT

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To: Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, DC. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejection in light of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 5-12 as follows:

5. (New) A method for positioning coupons into food packaging, one at a time, each of said coupons having a leading edge and a trailing edge, said coupons being provided as a stream of coupons in a continuous web with a forwardmost coupon having its trailing edge connected to the leading edge of the next coupon in said continuous web by a weakened web portion extending transversely of said web, and each successive coupon being similarly connected in said web, said method comprising the steps of:

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